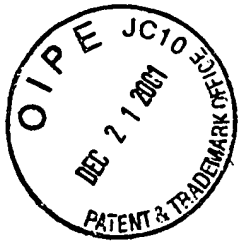


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Applicant wishes to make of record the references specified in the attached PTO-1449 form. Copies of these references are attached.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us collect.

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